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Drive carefully and be safe over the Labor Day Holiday

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER



The National Conference in St Louis was a great success. Over fifteen members of our wing attended and participated in the many educational seminars. We now have a new National Commander and Vice Commander. BGen Anthony Pineda was voted in as our National Commander and promoted to the grade of MGen. Col Rex Glasgow, the North Central Region Commander, was voted in as our National Vice-Commander and promoted to BGen.

Arizona Wing has also experienced many unit command changes in the past few weeks enabling qualified personnel to move up and provide fresh leadership. In line with the many command changes, I will be stepping down as the Commander of Arizona Wing. Details of the selection process of the new Wing Commander will be revealed at the Wing Commanders Call on 10 September 2005. The Change of Command ceremony will be held on 8 October 2005. These are positive changes and are necessary to keep the momentum we've established over the past few years. The only way to develop a leader is to provide training and put the person in a leadership position. General Colin Powell

once said "Leadership is the art of accomplishing more than the science of management says is possible". We have gone from being one of the worst wings in CAP to one of the best in the nation and we plan to keep it that way. I will assume the role of advisor and mentor to the new Wing Commander in addition to returning to the cockpit as a mission pilot and flight instructor.

The Air Force published Air Force Policy Directive 10-27 and Air Force Instruction 10-2701 describing the relationship between Civil Air Patrol and the US Air Force. The Air Force has accepted both Powered and Non Powered Cadet Orientation Flights as "Assigned Air Force Missions" and may start funding them again in the next fiscal year. This will also provide FECA/FICA protection to the cadet orientation pilots. All CAP members should read this publication to gain a better understanding of why we exist. It is available on the AF web site [www.e-publishing.af.mil](http://www.e-publishing.af.mil).

Remember!!!

"Performance Beyond Expectation" Be proud Arizona Wing.

DRIVE AND FLY SAFELY

John J. Varljen, Col., CAP

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## CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN



**STEVE ROUNTREE, Lt Col**  
**Arizona Wing Chaplain**

### New (and some old) Members Dilemma Chaplain (Lt Col) Morris Courtright

While organizing records for the Chaplains of Arizona Wing a problem showed up that seems to be a continuing problem for new members and even some older members. The problem seems to be a difficulty in correlating the promotion requirements of CAPR 35-5 and the Professional Development program of CAPR 50-17. This problem is compounded for Chaplains because of a letter change to CAPR 35-5 and the Chaplain Service special recognition program. There is also a Legal Officer's special recognition program as well as Professional Appointments and Promotions for Health Services personnel, Moral Leadership officers and Aerospace Education officers.

At this point you might ask what this subject has to do in the Chaplain's Column? Good question!

One of the duties of the Chaplain is to help the commander look after the morale and welfare of the members of the unit. Thus, if a member is unsure of his status and progress of his professional development it could easily become a factor in this/her performance of their duties. Voila, the need for the chaplain to do a little research and/or have a chat with the personnel and professional development officers, or at least be able to advise the

member about his next step.

Some years ago it was my honor and pleasure to have a couple new members of CAP ask me to be their mentor as they were having the exact problem of correlating the two regulations and deciding what to do next. One of those then new members is now a valuable and respected member of the Wing staff. Those members still firmly believe each new member should have a mentor assigned right at the beginning of their CAP membership. Since this doesn't often happen, perhaps it should become a matter of counseling. And, my fellow chaplains, isn't that where we come in?

### NEW PAO FOR TUCSON SQUADRON 104

One of the new PAOs for the Arizona Wing is Juliana Teal. She is a member of Squadron 104 in Tucson. She is training for the scanner position with hopes of someday becoming a pilot for CAP. She is currently training for her private pilot certificate at Marana Regional Airport.



(Photo by Terry Ketron as seen in the online version of the Tucson Citizen)

When Juliana went for her regular flying lesson at Tucson Aeroservice Center at Marana Airport, she wanted to go for a "flower flight" too. After just a few minutes of aerial searching she discovered several major Mexican Poppy patches near the north end of the Tortolita Mountains. One hilltop can be seen out the plane window.

Welcome aboard Juliana.



## "Tips from the Assistant IG"

*By John E Lindsey, Capt., AZWG/Asst.IG*

How current is your Squadron Publications and Forms file??? Some of the questions that are asked during inspections are:

1. How do I insure my publication and forms are up to date?

Answer: a. Insure current indexes are used. b. Conduct an inventory using the indexes as a guide.

c. Beside each required publication or form place a + sign to show it on hand or a minus – sign to show it required and not on file.

d. Requisition all publications/forms with a minus sign.

2. How do I find out what new publications/Forms have come out since the last indexes were published?

Answer: Go on the Hq CAP e-service web site, bring up CAP Pubs & Forms then click on "Publications Bulletin." This Bulletin reflects those CAP directives/forms that have come out since the last index was published **BUT** not cited in the current indexes. For example new publication and forms as of 23 June 05:

R 35-5 20 Jun 05 CAP officer & NCO appointments & Promotions.

R 66-1C2 27May05 CAP Aircraft Maintenance Management.

R173-4 11May05  
 Fund/Raising/Donations

R265-1 31May05 Chaplain Service

P226 26May05 Spec Track Study  
 Guide-Recruiting/Retention Officer.

Forms

F25 Jan05 Frank G Brewer Award

F 71Jun05 CAP Aircraft Inspection  
 Checklist. (Prev. edition will **NOT** be used.)

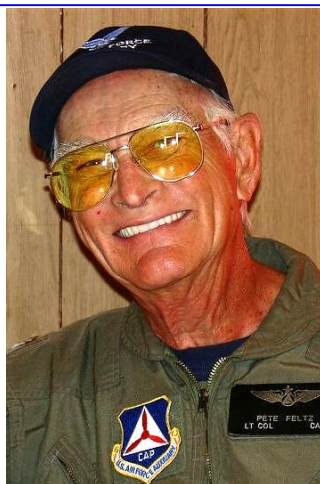
I hope this will help you and your Administrative Officer keep the Squadron publications and forms current.

## AESMP TESTING EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS

A. Peter Feltz, Lt Col, CAP  
AZ WG DCS Mission Support  
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Your Aerospace Education Team has been promoting the new "ON LINE" Aerospace Education Senior Member Program testing since the first of the year. We are pleased to report our Senior Members have responded enthusiastically. So far for the year we have processed 44 successful completions and issued the "Chuck Yeager" awards. In last months' CAP News, Arizona out-paced California in the number of Awards issued. This is really outstanding. We thank all the members who have participated so far.

There are still many Senior Members who do not have their "Chuck Yeager" award yet. To those members we ask you to give serious consideration to taking the ON LINE test. The study material for the test can be the "AEROSPACE: The Journey of Flight" book. If you don't have this book you can order it on CAPMART. I believe the price is \$19.95. This is a fabulous reference book for Aerospace and Aviation and has been and is being used as a text book in schools throughout the country. Our own Coronado High School in Scottsdale has used it as their text book in the science department and felt it was the best book on Aerospace they have ever seen and used. The detailed procedure to follow to complete the test and get the Chuck Yeager award follows.



## AEROSPACE EDUCATION PROGRAM for SENIOR MEMBERS (AEPSM)

**THE "CHARLES E. 'CHUCK' YEAGER AEROSPACE EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" TESTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE ON THE NATIONAL AEROSPACE EDUCATION WEB SITE.**

**You may bring it up yourself or use this shortcut:**

<https://tests.cap.af.mil/ops/tests/default.cfm?Message=Ok&grp=ae>

- *Self paced study based on text Aerospace: The Journey of flight*
- *Open book, untimed exam correctable to 100%*

*Approximately 8 hours, 3 evenings*

*There is also a very excellent Power Point, produced by Tom Lodge of Squadron 301, on the Arizona Wing Web Site. Go to "links" and click on Aerospace Education and the Power Point study material will be available at the bottom of the page.*

Once you have taken and passed the test, you will get a certificate of successful completion. **HOWEVER THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOU WILL GET CREDIT AT NATIONAL. YOU MUST SEND YOUR COMPLETION CERTIFICATE TO THE ARIZONA WING DAE, LT COL WILLIAM H. TURNER AT: 876 W. FOOTHILL, APACHE JCT., AZ 85220.** Once he receives it, he will certify it and send it to National. They will update your file and send a "Chuck Yeager Achievement Award" back to Wing to be presented to you. Some Units and Groups are conducting classes. If you prefer to get your "Chuck Yeager Award" that way, watch for announcements on the Wing email system.

All senior members should complete the program. Since it has been available on line this year, we have more than quadrupled the number of senior members completing the program and getting their certificates.

**DON'T DELAY! GET STARTED NOW!**

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to 1Lt Ivan Manoogian on his successful Commercial Pilot check ride with the FAA in one of the Civil Air Patrol Gliders. His instructor was SM Phil Corbell.

Congratulations also go to Cadet Cody Chalue on his first solo flight with SM Katherine Haessler as his instructor.

Keith Lamb, Lt. Col. CAP

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## CAPTAIN

### IRENE LEVERTON RETIRES FROM CAP



After 60 years as a pilot and 61 years as a member of Civil Air Patrol, we lose a fine member with a glorious history.

It all started at age 3 when Irene was taken to see an air show and never forgot the excitement she felt. When 6, she was building airplanes and flying them off the third floor of her Chicago home. By the time she was old enough she joined the Civil Air Patrol as a Cadet and furthered her thirst for flying and her dream of being a fighter pilot. As a young Cadet in 1944, Irene soloed and by the time she was eighteen, she was teaching acrobatics in a Stearman Bi-Plane on weekends.

Ms. Leverton has flown many planes, from DC's, C46 Military Cargo, Aero Commander 680 FL, Cessna 411, De Havilland Doves, Air Ambulances and numerous others. She flew part of the Atlantic twice and the Pacific in a single engine Piper Comanche. In 1964, she won the "Women's Pylon Race" at Reno Nevada Air Races. She has set up 141 Flight Schools, flown on contract with the US Forest Services, been a Corporate Pilot flying a twin engine Bonanza, organized the original Women Airline Transport Pilots Association. She participated in the "Great Race" – London to Victoria, B.C. and placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 65 participants. She received the "Women With Wings" Award in 1986 from the International Air and

Space Museum in Ohio. And in 2004 she was inducted into the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame. She was given the FAA Master Pilot award. With sixty-one years of flying she has logged 25,550 plus hours.

However, one of her proudest moments was being asked to take Astronauts Physicals at Lovelace Clinic in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Of the 45 women asked, Irene was one of the 13 who passed. There have been several books written about the Mercury 13 and Irene Leverton has been mentioned in all and has been a guest on TV shows about the Mercury 13. When not flying, Irene is writing about aviation and has been published numerous times in aviation magazines

And now Irene, at age 78, has chosen retirement. Her closing comments to me were not something that I wanted to hear. She, like other long time members of the Arizona Wing, felt pushed aside. She is FAA and CAP current in all requirements, yet she was not offered an opportunity to fly a mission or practice exercise; nor were there offers to fly as observer or scanner. I think the feeling is called, "Being put out to pasture."

*(Even I have noticed the trend of those 10 to 20 years younger pushing those with years of experience and knowledge over as if they are too old to function. You know, we are all in this together and each person has something to offer. Those who are in their 60's and 70's are still contributing individuals with experience, knowledge, and skills. Also, remember some of YOU will be there yourself and sooner than you think. **Remember those who live all over the state, remember those who have experience, and remember to rotate positions among ALL who are qualified.** the editor)*

Irene is returning to her home in Chicago, Illinois, where all of her adventures began.

**Good luck to  
Capt. Leverton.**

## DEER VALLEY COMPOSITE SQUADRON 302 WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Each year CAP National Headquarters Cadet Program recognizes the top composite or cadet squadron in each Wing by presenting them with the Squadron of Merit Award. These Squadrons are evaluated on several criteria, including recruiting and retention of cadets, number of Orientation Flights flown, as well as the number of Mitchell's, Earhart, Eaker and Spaatz earned. National Headquarters also uses the same evaluation criteria to identify the most outstanding composite or cadet squadron in each region and present them with the Squadron of Distinction Award. One of these eight squadrons is then selected to receive recognition at the annual National Board meeting and presented a \$500 honorarium sponsored by the family of the late Brigadier General F. Ward Reilly, CAP. (Information provided by Capt. Allan Pearlstein)

The accomplishments gained by the cadets in 2004 include six Mitchell and one Earhart award, 155 orientation flights for 40 cadets, more than 20 cadets went to encampment as basics, three as staff members, and eleven cadets attended more than a half dozen National Cadet special Activities. They also earned second place in a very difficult and close Arizona Wing Cadet Color Guard Competition. They supported several civilian and military air shows including the Thunderbird air show at Luke Air Force Base and the Copperstate Fly-in. Many cadets from squadron 302 crewed the Civil Air Patrol hot air balloon at events around the southwest including the Red Rock Balloon Festival in New Mexico, Fountain Hills Great Fair, Chandler Balloon Fest and Glendale Glitter and Glow.

Several Squadron 302 cadets received their Emergency Services specialty qualifications through classes and field training exercises on CPR, first aid, communications, and damage assessment. They also averaged twenty ES qualified cadets who participated in search and rescue missions with at least six to nine ground team members. In support of the states largest forest fires, 302 cadets assisted in disaster relief operations by filling sand bags to preserve property and life, and supported a mass casualty exercise at Luke Air Force base.

The last time an Arizona Wing squadron received this award, it was received by Squadron 308 in 1993. It was received by Squadron 307 in 1987, which at that time was the cadet squadron at Deer Valley. Squadron 302 was the Senior squadron for Deer Valley at that time, so it is fair to say this is the second time Deer Valley has received this highly coveted and prestigious award. (Information provided by Lt. Martin Maxwell).

Capt. Ronnea Derby, Commander of Squadron 302 for the last four years, has been a CAP member since July 1997. She initially served in the Deer Valley Composite Squadron as administrative officer and then as finance officer and was responsible for a host of emergency services duties. In July 2001, she accepted command of the Squadron and began actively working on cadet programs. Under Capt Derby's leadership, the squadron has doubled its membership. (From the National Board Banquet Program)

Captain Derby made this comment to Capt. Pearlstein, *"We are blessed with dedicated membership who implemented the program the way it was intended to be implemented. We followed the regulations and engaged both cadets and senior members in executing the program. But most of all, we provided the cadets ample opportunities to experience the program in its fullest and challenged them to put their best foot forward."* Captain Derby's goal as the commander is to ensure that the cadets achieve their maximum potential by providing the necessary guidance and supervision.

## CONGRATULATIONS CAPTAIN DERBY FOR A JOB WELL DONE.



Capt. Ronnea Derby pictured with Brigadier General Pineda right after receiving one of the highest honors a Squadron Commander can receive. She proudly holds the trophy that represents her hard work for commanding a Squadron of Merit. (Picture by Lt. Col. Pete Feltz)



C/Col. Michael L. Parker pictured with Capt. Ronnea Derby was the recipient of the National Cadet of the Year award. C/Col. Parker is a member of the Arkansas Wing.

I am sure that these members of the Civil Air Patrol will never forget the honors that have been bestowed on them for their hard work as volunteers of an organization that functions for the purpose of serving as mentors to young cadets, and fulfilling all its missions to help others.



Deputy Commander of Cadets Maj. Heather Muchleisen (left), Lt. Col. Sean Wiesenhunt (center), and Capt. Ronnea Derby (right) with the 2004 Squadron of Distinction Award. C/Lt. Col. Wiesenhunt was the Cadet Commanding Officer during 2004. Capt. Derby was their Commander. (Photo by 1Lt. Martin Maxwell).

Thank you to the three officers who provided information for this article: Capt. Allan Pearlstein, 1Lt. Martin Maxwell, and Lt. Col. Pete Feltz.

## REMEMBER

## SEPTEMBER 11







## ARIZONA WING CADET ENCAMPMENT

By Lt. Martin Maxwell

91 Cadets completed the 2005 Arizona Wing Encampment, held 06 July to 16 July 2005 at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott. This is the second year encampment has been held at this facility. It was chosen for its location at 5200 feet, which makes it about 25 degrees cooler than Phoenix on average, as well as its outstanding lodging, classroom and dining facilities, and incredible on campus educational facilities.

On site at ERAU are a crash lab with numerous actual crashed aircraft reconstructed in their actual crash state, flight simulators, and a meteorology lab. The Davis Learning Center is a large auditorium style building with plenty of seating for over 100 cadets and their families for graduation ceremonies as well as full multimedia audiovisual systems for use in classes. Also a large parking lot for plenty of drill practice, and a football field large enough for sporting activities and landing helicopters like the Arizona Dept. of Public Safety Ranger and an AH-64 Longbow Attack Helicopter!

Cadets were able to sit in Army vehicles which had just come direct from Iraq, and handle several actual weapons used by the Army, made safe of course by removal of the firing system. They also brought out a rock climbing wall which was a BIG hit with the cadets as well as some of the Senior Member Staff. They also built model rockets for their 2<sup>nd</sup> rocket toward the rocketry badge, as well

as Aero Derby planes made from paper and balsa sticks.

Nearby Prescott Airport is less than a five minute drive from campus. The cadets learned from on site tours of the Prescott Flight Service Station, the control tower while it was in operation, as well as fully operational flight simulators with wraparound screens that made them feel like they were flying the real thing! The instruments even worked like they were in flight. These sims are used by ERAU students to build flight hours toward their ratings.

There was only one real issue at encampment. One of the cadets ended up with appendicitis, and had to leave early for an appendectomy. However, this cadet was **SO** dedicated, that he wanted to come back the next day! Now THAT'S dedication! A few cases of homesickness, but by the end of encampment I think every cadet would have been more than glad to stay for another week!

Over all Capt. Ryan Glass of Tucson Squadron 109 did an outstanding job as Encampment Commander, with Major Cliff Owens, Arizona Wing DCP as Commandant of Cadets, and Major Jamie Hurley as Cadet Commander and Captain Kyle DeWitt as Vice Commander.

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### SQUADRON 304

#### COLOR GUARD PERFORMANCE

*Pictures and compliment submitted by W. Bruce McKie, Capt, DCC Squadron 304*

Squadron 304 Cadet Color Guard posted the Colors for the 8th Grade Home School Graduation Ceremony at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. The newly formed unit, commanded by C/SMSGt. Eleanor Andrieu, executed a dignified, professional ceremony for an audience of 450 graduates and guests. Everyone complemented the cadets on their performance.

The 304 Color Guard Unit members are C/SMSGt Eleanor Andrieu, C/TSgt. Ryan Van Bloem, C/MSGT Dustin Weigle, C/A 1C Michael Dawkins.

These Cadets demonstrated teamwork,

dedication, hard work, focus, and discipline which all contributed toward success.



C/SMSGt. Eleanor Andrieu bearing Colors, C/TSgt. Ryan Van Bloem bearing the Arizona State Flag, and the respective guards, C/MSGt. Dustin Weigle and C/A1C. Michael Dawkins.



C/SMSGt. Eleanor Andrieu dressing the Colors during posting, and C/TSgt Ryan Van Bloem.

### IACE GUESTS SEE ARIZONA

The IACE visitors from Israel, Great Britain, and Belgium wasted no time in getting to know Arizona. They were off the plane in Phoenix on Friday 22 July, ate lunch and then went to a Diamondback game. During their week stay they flew gliders at Turf, saw Casa Grande Ruins and then to Davis Monthan AFB. By Sunday they toured AMARC, Titan Missile Silo and the Pima Air Museum. They were busy seeing sights all over and even went up in a commercial Cessna as well as a CAP plane with Lt. Col. Bendixen. On Wednesday they were headed for the Northern Arizona Canyons and sights in the high country. From the schedule provided by Lt. Col. Marsh. (cont. pg. 7)

Sedona Sqdn 205 hosted the International Air Cadet Exchange IACE group visit at ERAU BBQ on 26 July at our squadron headquarters, which was attended by approximately 50 members, guests and relatives. The visiting cadets first toured the Bell Rock Pathway, and were appropriately awed by the spectacular red rock views and history of the local geography. On our journey to the squadron we stopped at the Red Rock Chapel, and viewed Cathedral Rock in the monsoons.

We welcomed two cadets (Damian & Paul) from the United Kingdom who were hosted by 1Lt. Chuck Murcko and his family. One cadet (Amit) from Israel was hosted by Capt. Donna Pratt, with another Israeli cadet (Hen) staying overnight with Parent Sponsor family of Craig & Cody Cushenberry. The Belgium cadets (Arnaud & Mario) were hosted by Lt. Col. Rick Mestre, and the Belgium adult escort (Ludo) was hosted by the Weaver family. I want to thank those of you who opened your home to demonstrate our American hospitality. It was a pleasure to have them visit with us. I'm sure we enjoyed their company, as much as they enjoyed the new experiences they shared with us.

A special thank you to both Major Charlie Weaver and Capt. Donna Pratt for an excellent job in planning and organizing the IACE visit in Sedona. Your commitment, communications and team-work are greatly appreciated. The huge smiles of all of our cadets and international cadet visitors were well worth your efforts. More thank-you's are due to the clean-up/prep work day crew (Lt. Bill Tripp, Col. Mike Sue, Lt. Chuck Murcko & Capt. Luis Camus) overseen by our Deputy Commander, Capt. Luis Camus. The place looked clean and sharp. Your time and efforts are much appreciated.

Those present at the BBQ enjoyed camaraderie, making new friends, and unique experiences. Watching the two Brits put on a formation marching demonstration was priceless. And watching the communication endeavor of teenagers from the US, Britain, Belgium, and Israel take fifteen minutes to discuss how/where/why to put up a 12 foot table under the carport in the rain was entertaining in itself.

We enjoyed visiting with the Project Coordinators LtC Dave Marsh, LtC Don Elwood and "Fritz" who accompanied the IACE cadets to the Sedona BBQ. They were very pleasant to work with, enthusiastic about the IACE program, and all seemed to enjoy having a well-deserved night off.

Thank you to all who participated, brought food and fellowship and a helping hand to our squadron. We eagerly look forward to hosting another group of international visitors next year.

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Emit (Israel) Damian (GB) Arnaud (Belgium), Ludo

IACE group visit at ERAU



1Lt. Marilyn Weaver and Lt. Col. Don Elwood

Maj. Charlie Weaver, ,  
Cadet 1Lt. Max  
Weaver, and CMS  
Ludo Vandercluys.



Belgium Cadet Mario  
Loncin, Belgium Cadet  
Arnaud Heine, and  
Cadet Capt. Sean  
Rauch.



Cadet 1Lt. Max  
Weaver, 1Lt.  
Marilyn Weaver,  
and Maj. Charlie  
Weaver.



# More about our cadets

## SKY HARBOR ROCKETRY LAUNCH

### SKY HARBOR 301 MODEL ROCKETRY



### LAUNCH

C/CMSgt Saralyn Fischer supervises C/AB "J.T." Winters as he counts down launch.

## SKY HARBOR 301 CAR WASH



C/Abs Williams and Barnett, Mr. Fischer and Mr. Casey (parent), 1Lt. Masangcay along with customers. AB Shauna Casey also helped.

Pictures by 1Lt. Masangcay



1Lt. Kathy Coon instructs C/SSgt Lindsay Davis, C/ABS Todd Winters and Shauna Casey on how to install engines to their rockets.



## SQUADRON 308

Submitted by  
JOHN W. KRUGER, Capt CAP, Commander Glendale Composite Squadron 308



Picture submitted by 1Lt. Eileen Mueller

**C/A1C William Whiting #1 in National Recruiting drive.**

C/A1C William Whiting won first place in the National Recruiting drive. He brought in 10 new cadets. Capt. John Kruger, Squadron 308 Commander will be at the National Conference accepting Whiting's award for him.

C/2Lt Cody Chalue and 2 Senior members receive AEPSM "Yeager Award."

C/2Lt Cody Chalue is a cadet at Glendale Composite Squadron 308. His solo glider wings were pinned on by his instructor SM Katherine Haessler at the last squadron meeting. Also 2 senior members received their AEPSM "Yeager Award." The awards were presented by Lt. Col Pete Feltz.

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*The three great essentials to achieving anything worthwhile are: first, hard work; second, stick-to-it-iveness; and third, common sense.*

*Thomas Edison, 1847-1931,  
American Inventor/Entrepreneur/Founder of GE*



## Former CAP Cadet becomes U.S. Army's Youngest Officer



On 14 June 2005 and at only 18 years old W01 Patrick Dukes became one of the U.S. Army's youngest officers. He is currently stationed at Fort Rucker, AL. Dukes is training with Bravo Company 1-145 Aviation Regiment training to fly one of the most advanced attack helicopters in the world, the AH-64D Longbow.

Dukes, a former CAP cadet for three years, decided to combine his love for music with his desire to pursue military service. At 17 years old and by a parental waive, he auditioned and was chosen to play both tuba and bass with the 108<sup>th</sup> Army Band of the Arizona Army National Guard.

During his senior year of high school W01 Dukes was invited to attend the presidential youth inaugural conference as a distinguished alumnus for the National Young Leaders conference in Washington D.C. That same year he made a courageous decision to become a part of the Army Warrant Officer Corps, which makes up less than 2 percent of the U.S. Army and of that 2 percent less than one-percent include those under the age of 20.

Selection for the warrant officer program is based on a multitude of factors, one of which includes a letter of recommendation. W01 Dukes received his letter from Major Fredrick Ferguson, U.S. Army ret. and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.

Once fully trained as a pilot, W01 Dukes will be assigned to Charlie Company 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 285<sup>th</sup> attack helicopter regiment under a six-year commitment.

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Alisha Peritore

Public Affairs Officer

Squadron 310- Paradise Valley, AZ

## Local Teen Selected to Participate in Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course



**VANDENBERG AFB, Ca.**— Fifteen year old Ashleigh Harbeck traveled to California to participate in the Civil Air Patrol, CAP, Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course, July 16-23. The event, hosted at Vandenberg Air Force Base, provided an in-depth look at Air Force Space Command to Civil Air Patrol cadets age 15 and older. Cadet Harbeck was selected to join 17 other cadets from around the US.

During her stay at Vandenberg AFB, Cadet Harbeck and her fellow cadets had a busy week learning about the different squadrons and flights on the base and how they all work together to support Vandenberg's space mission.

During their first day, cadets enjoyed briefings on the 14th Air Force, the 30th Space Wing, and the mission and history of Vandenberg at the Western Range Operations Control Center, WROCC. Cadets also participated in a hands-on simulation in a missile procedures trainer at the 381st Training Group.

Tuesday and Wednesday, participants received a tour and briefing of Western Range Operations, visited the 30th Space Communications Squadron multi-media facility, toured the flight line, received an 30th Operations Support Squadron Intelligence Briefing, and then toured the 76th Helicopter Flight, where all cadets received incentive flights in UH-1N twin engine Hueys.

Early Thursday morning, the cadets watched a Minuteman III missile launch. After some rest, it was on to Vandenberg's Heritage Center, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Launch Squadron's Titan Remote Launch Control Center, and a briefing at the 9<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron.

(Continued on the next page)

### Local Teen— (Cont. from page 9)

On Friday the cadets used the fire arms training simulator and received a briefing at the 30th Security Squadron Combat Arms Training Facility. The afternoon graduation and barbecue were attended by cadets, senior staff, and the active duty and reserve Air Force personnel that supported this activity.

Ashleigh Harbeck is a Cadet Senior Airman with the CAP Deer Valley Composite Squadron located in Phoenix, AZ. She attends Sunrise Mountain School where she will be a sophomore this fall. When Cadet Harbeck is not busy with Civil Air Patrol activities, she also participates in marching band, softball, speech, and debate.

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Vandenberg Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course

## Achieving Your Goal Through Hard Work and Dedication: 1Lt. Nate Garrett, OK Air National Guard

by Captain Allan Pearlstein, Group 3 Public Affairs Officer

*"Everyday that you wake up, remember what your goal is....once you have that goal, do not quit....know what your goal is and do not take no for an answer."* (1Lt. Nate Garrett, OK Air National Guard.)



On 31 July 2005, I had the opportunity to speak with 1 Lt. Nate Garrett, an F-16 fight pilot with the Oklahoma Air National Guard. Lt. Garrett, age 25, was born in Laguna Beach, CA, but has spent most of his life in Arizona. Having an interest in aviation from a young age, 1 Lt. Garrett joined the Falcon Field Composite CAP squadron in 1993. As a cadet, Lt.

Garrett participated in and completed the orientation flight curriculum, learned military customs and courtesies, achieved the Mitchell and Earhart Awards, and trained with the drill team, all the while being mentored by Lt. Colonel Don Elwood and Captain Martin Gerhard from the Falcon CAP squadron. *"Being around airplanes and pilots instilled a desire to fly...Lt. Colonel Don Elwood and Captain Martin Gerhard influenced me. Being around them influenced me in military culture. Captain Gerhard gave me career information, and Lt Colonel Elwood gave me the experience of what it was like to be a fighter pilot,"* Lt. Garrett's success in completing the cadet program, was because of the different people he worked with in order to accomplish a specific task.

After graduating from high school, Lt. Garrett attended Arizona State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Management Technology. While attending ASU, Lt. Garrett enlisted in the AZ Air National Guard in Tucson, where he was trained to be an F-16 jet engine mechanic. Taking advantage of the benefits offered by the AZ ANG, Lt. Garrett received the GI Bill in which his college education was paid for, earned \$800.00 per month for training one weekend a month in Tucson, and had 60 percent of his post primary flight instruction paid for. During the summer of 2002, an F-16 pilot slot became available in Tucson, Lt. Garrett applied, and was accepted, as a result of the training he received as a cadet through CAP, his education at ASU, and his service with AZ ANG. After completing officer training school thought AZ ANG, Lt. Garrett began a 13 month undergraduate flight training program in April 2003 in April 2003. After completing the first program, he attended a six week Introduction Fighter training program while he was still at Sheppard AFB, TX. Upon completion of those programs, Lt. Garrett returned to Arizona, and in April 2005, he completed an eight month F-16 fighter pilot training program at Luke AFB, AZ. Lt. Garrett is now a full time F-16 pilot with the Oklahoma ANG and flies out of Tulsa International Airport.

Lt. Garret credits his accomplishments with the training he received through the cadet program at Squadron 305. He considers himself fortunate to have had the opportunity to be mentored by Lt Colonel Don Elwood, and Captain Martin Gerhard. Every cadet in the Arizona CAP Wing could have the same opportunities as Lt Garrett has enjoyed, providing that the cadet is willing to devote time and effort in the cadet program, by studying the aviation curriculum and learning military customs and courtesies. Through hard work and dedication to a cadet's education and training in CAP, high school, and college, a cadet's dream may become a reality, as it did for Lt. Nate Garrett. For those cadets interested in obtaining more information about flight training, you may contact Lt. Garrett at [garrett-nate@yahoo.com](mailto:garrett-nate@yahoo.com).



## SQUADRON 501 CHANGES COMMAND

by SM Joe Gomez, PAO Squadron 501..Picture by Gomez



Effective July 25, 2005, Squadron 501 (Lake Havasu City, AZ) of the USAF Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol will be commanded by Captain Ron Tingle (left), formerly senior member and mission pilot for squadron 501. Major George Molitor leaves the post after more than four noteworthy years, where his accomplishments were highlighted by bolstering all aspects of the cadet program, while also maximizing activities and participation surrounding flight operations.

The ceremony was kicked off by squadron 501 cadets posting the colors/raising the flag, under the sweltering desert heat. Lt Col Jerry Godwin, former AZ Wing Vice Commander, opened the official change of command portion of the ceremony by recognizing Major George Molitor's many accomplishments during this tenure as squadron commander.

Incoming commander Captain Ron Tingle then presented Major Molitor with a number of items, including a certificate from Lake Havasu City Mayor Bob Whelan, which officially declared July 25, 2005 "Change of Command Day" in Lake Havasu City. Major Molitor was also presented a very nice Civil Air Patrol plaque on behalf of the AZ Wing and Squadron 501.

The ceremony continued with the cadets being treated to a guest speaker named Steven Marks, who is entering his second year at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs Colorado. Mr. Marks is also a CAP cadet from a squadron in Pico Rivera, California (Los Angeles).

The official change of command was then executed by Major George Molitor handing over the Civil Air Patrol flag to Captain Ron Tingle.

Squadron 501 headquarters for the Lake Havasu City based USAF Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol is on the airfield at the Lake Havasu City Municipal Airport. Interested parties seeking information regarding the cadet or senior member programs may contact the CAP Commander at [sq501cc@azwg.cap.gov](mailto:sq501cc@azwg.cap.gov). Public Affairs related matters may be directed to Joe Gamez, Squadron 501 Public Affairs Officer (PAO), [jgamez@yahoo.com](mailto:jgamez@yahoo.com)

## Change of Command at Deer Valley Squadron 302

By 1Lt. Martin J. Maxwell,  
PAO Squadron 302, photo by Lt. Maxwell

*Lt. Col. Ramage accepts the guidon from Group III Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Ron Fett.*



Effective 1 August 2005, Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 has a new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Ken Ramage. The official Change of Command took place on 22 August at the Civil Air Patrol building on Deer Valley Airport. Col. Ramage replaces outgoing Commander Ronnea Derby who was Commander of 302 for the past four years. It is now the policy of the Arizona Wing to change positions every four years.

Colonel Ramage comes to the job with plenty of experience in the military. A full Colonel in the Arizona National Guard, Col. Ramage has been active in CAP this time for two and a half years. He originally joined CAP as a cadet at age 11, and worked his way up through the rank of C/Lt. Colonel, stopping just short of the Spaatz award. From there he joined the Arizona Air National Guard. His son Matthew is a Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in Squadron 302. His wife, Lt. Paula Ramage handles most of the administrative and testing duties on the cadet side of this extremely active and large squadron, and his mother, Lt. Colonel Ruth Ann Johnson, is also very active in CAP.

Col. Ramage first became interested in CAP when he helped start squadron 313 and then went to sq 309.

Since becoming a CAP member, he has held the position of Cadet Squadron Commander. As a senior member he has been Logistics officer and served briefly as the Deputy Commander for seniors. He says the thing he finds most rewarding about his work with CAP is working to get the cadets involved in aviation and see some of them go off to careers in the aviation industry or military.

When he is not flying KC-135 tankers or F-16's for the Arizona Guard, he is a Captain on the Boeing 767/757 for American Airlines as an instructor pilot flying on international routes, normally to South America and occasionally to Europe. In his rather rare spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family on their land in the forest north of Payson, shooting and riding ATV's. Ken also owns two Canberra jet bombers which are currently based at Falcon Field in Mesa. He is presently on the Arizona Guard pistol team and shoots and wins many matches with the AZ guard.



## **FIRST LIEUTENANT BRANDON MASANGCAY PROMOTED AND NAMED COMMANDER OF SKY HARBOR COMPOSITE SQUADRON 301**



### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO CAPTAIN RICK CHECKETTS**

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

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### **The following Commanders are relieved of duty, without prejudice, with the effective dates indicated below:**

Maj Ronald W. Fett, Group III, 31 July 2005, Lt Col Charles D. Bendixen, Sq 201, July 2005, Lt Col Donley R. Pochop, Sq 314, 31 July 2005, Lt Col Keith W. Lamb, Flt 400, 17 July 2005, Maj. George L. Molitor, Sq 501, 31 July 2005, Capt Ronea L. Derby, Squadron 302, 31 July 2005

### **The following personnel have been selected to command the units with effective dates listed below:**

Lt Col Donely R. Pochop, Group III, 1 August 2005, Lt Col Kenneth C. Ramage, Sq 302, 1 August 2005, Lt Col Arthur B. Bornstein, Flt 400, 18 July 2005, Lt Col James M. Findley, Sq 314, 1 August 2005, Capt Daniel M. Shearer Jr, Sq 201, 1 August 2005, Capt Ronald G. Tingle, Sq 501, 1 August 2005

My thanks to the outgoing commanders. You helped make Arizona Wing the best in the Nation.

Col John J. Varljen

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Lt. Brandon Masangcay received his 1Lt. bars from Lt. Co. Art Bornstein and Brandon's cousin, Ben Carftago.

1Lt. Masangcay served 14 years in the Air Force and reserves as a Healthcare Management Support Supervisor.

1Lt. Masangcay had active duty assignments in Washington, D.C., in Spain, Desert Storm, and Beale Air Force Base, CA.

He was then transferred to the USAF Reserves as an Individualized Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) assigned to HQ AFRES, Denver, Co, as a Healthcare Management Support Supervisor. He also served a special active duty assignment under the supervision of the Reserve Advisor for the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, CA. He was placed on the Retired Reserve List in 1995 due to medical reasons.

His education included Military Airlift Command NCO preparatory Course, Andrews Air Force Base; 16th Air Force NCO leadership School, Zaragoza Air Base, Spain; Bachelor of Science, Business Management, University of Phoenix; and Master of Business Administration, Health Care Management, University of Phoenix Online.

Lt. Masangcay has received many impressive awards and decorations from the Air Force. Among them are the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, and many more. Of course, the current best is the Civil Air Patrol Membership Ribbon.



## GROUP III CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Don Pochop accepts command of Group3.

The change of command took place 6 July at the Scottsdale Airport. Lt. Col. Ernest Bourgeois and former Group III Commander Lt. Col. Ron Fett assist with the ceremony.

Lt. Col. Pochop joined CAP in 1991. He has completed Level 4 of CAP requirements, the Garber award, and also has his Master for the Administration Track.

*Picture by Capt. Allan Pearlstein, Group III PAO.*



## SENIOR SQUADRON 104 IN TUCSON

The Senior Squadron 104 keeps their plane shining and ready to go. They claim that they ALL worked very hard, and probably found out how large a plane can be at washing time. They all gathered early in the morning on 16 July at the Tucson International Airport to do their duty as the official airplane washers. *Pictures by SM Juliana Teal, Squadron 104 PAO.*

### BE SAFE EVERYONE

**WHETHER YOU ARE FLYING, DRIVING OR JUST HAVING FUN.  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, WILL BE  
HERE SOON.**



SM Joe Wypick, Commander Capt. James Hervert, SM Juliana Teal, and SM Mike Phillips.



1Lt. Brian Malone, Capt. James Hervert (clearing the wing) and SM Joe Wypick

**It looks as though they are done.  
NOW LET'S FLY!!!**

